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SR520 should be a tunnel under the lake, or repaired as is, and a highway needs to be built around the North end of Lake Wash where most of the traffic comes from. The bridge isn't very old and the engineers who repair the bridge say the damage is not that great and easily repairable. The environmental impact of smashing through the best, greenest, most valuable area in the Northwest, makes dirty air and water, takes woods and wetlands, and ruins the best, irreplaceable residential area. Noise multiplies 5 times greater over water. The adverse impact on people in homes in Evergreen, Hunts and Yarrow Points, Medina, Madison Park, and Wash. Park, Laurelhurst, Windermere, Montlake, the Arboredum etc. ruins property, property values and is very unhealthy, besides the thundering noise. Highway I-5 and 405 are overloaded and cannot take more traffic, so it would only save commuters 5 minutes in rush hours—the rest of the time it is fine. Microsoft and related businesses on the east side's commuters going east in the morning and west in early evening are the problem, the reverse commute is fine. I-5 causes the backup and is a much bigger problem. The news letters sent out still do not consider or address environmental impact, only scare tactics.

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Comment Summary:

Tube/Tunnel Concepts

Response:

See Section 1.1 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.